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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 12 Percent From December 2009

On December 1, 2010, Arizona had 249,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 33,000 head (12 percent) from a year ago and down 2,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 22,000 head during November, a decrease of 4,000 from a year ago. During November, 23,000 head were marketed, an increase of 1,000 head from last year.

On December 1, 2010, California had 470,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 5,000 head from last year and up 10,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 69,000 head during November, 19,000 head more than last year. During November, 55,000 head were marketed, up 2,000 head from last year.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.6 million

head on December 1, 2010. The inventory was 3 percent above December 1, 2009.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.96 million, 6 percent above 2009. Net placements were 1.90 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 625,000, 600-699 pounds were 590,000, 700-799 pounds were 373,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 370,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.77 million, 9 percent above 2009.

Other disappearance totaled 62,000 during November, 6 percent below 2009.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Number Placed on Feed, Number Marketed, and Other Disappearance, 1000+ Capacity Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States 2009-2010

State	Number on Feed 1/					Number Placed on Feed During November			Number Marketed During November			Other Disappearance During November 2/		
	Dec 1, 2009	Nov 1, 2010	Dec 1, 2010											
			Number	as % of 2009	as % of Nov	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	1,000 Head		Percent			1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
AZ	282	251	249	88	99	26	22	85	22	23	105	1	1	100
CA	465	460	470	101	102	50	69	138	53	55	104	2	4	200
CO	1,060	1,090	1,090	103	100	165	155	94	140	150	107	5	5	100
ID	210	215	230	110	107	44	52	118	43	35	81	1	2	200
IA	560	610	630	113	103	108	114	106	85	90	106	3	4	133
KS	2,330	2,400	2,360	101	98	355	375	106	340	400	118	15	15	100
NE	2,410	2,420	2,460	102	102	400	445	111	380	395	104	10	10	100
OK	375	385	380	101	99	57	60	105	53	63	119	4	2	50
SD	235	230	255	109	111	67	62	93	35	36	103	2	1	50
TX	2,760	2,820	2,840	103	101	455	475	104	405	440	109	20	15	75
WA	172	192	208	121	108	47	53	113	29	36	124	1	1	100
Other Sts	418	414	437	105	106	70	76	109	50	51	102	2	2	100
US	11,277	11,487	11,609	103	101	1,844	1,958	106	1,635	1,774	109	66	62	94

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Record Commercial Red Meat Production in November

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.33 billion pounds in November, up 9 percent from the 3.96 billion pounds produced in November 2009.

Beef production, at 2.24 billion pounds, was 11 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.88 million head, up 11 percent from November 2009. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,299 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.3 million pounds, 4 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 72,900 head, down 10 percent from November 2009. The average live weight was up 23 pounds from last year, at 269 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.07 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.97 million head, up 5 percent from

November 2009. The average live weight was up 6 pounds from the previous year, at 278 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.3 million pounds, was down slightly from November 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 218,000 head, 1 percent below last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, unchanged from November a year ago.

January to November 2010 commercial red meat production was 44.7 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was down 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: By Arizona and United States 1/

Class	November 2009	October 2010	November 2010	November 2010 as % of 2/	
				November 2009	October 2010
Arizona 3/ Total Red Meat	28,900	31,200	34,500	119	111
United States	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
Beef	2,016.1	2,237.8	2,235.7	111	100
Veal	11.7	11.4	11.3	96	100
Pork	1,921.7	2,002.9	2,067.8	108	103
Lamb and Mutton	14.3	13.1	14.3	100	109
Total Red Meat	3,964.0	4,265.2	4,329.2	109	102

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

3/ Breakdown by class not available, includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter: Arizona and U.S., January - November 2010 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	January - November			January - November		
	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight
Cattle	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds
Hogs	493.4	633,623	1289	31,347.20	39,890,210	1,277
	1.4	341	241	100,331.20	27,253,393	272

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

U.S. Hog Inventory Down 1 Percent

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2010 was 64.3 million head. This was down 1 percent from December 1, 2009, and down 2 percent from September 1, 2010.

Breeding inventory, at 5.78 million head, was down 1 percent from last year, but up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 58.5 million head, was down 1 percent from last year, and down 2 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2010 pig crop, at 28.2 million head, was down slightly from 2009. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.85 million head, down 2 percent from 2009. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 9.89 for the September-November 2010 period, compared to 9.70 last year.

Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.70 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.00 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.86 million sows farrow during the December 2010-February 2011 quarter, down 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the December 2009-February 2010 quarter, and down 5 percent from December 2008-February 2009 quarter. Intended farrowings for March-May 2011, at 2.86 million sows, are down 2 percent from 2010 and down 5 percent from 2009.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 45 percent of the total United States hog inventory, up from 44 percent last year.

November Milk Production up 3.1 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during November totaled 14.4 billion pounds, up 3.1 percent from November 2009. October production, unrevised at 14.8 billion pounds, was up 3.3 percent from October 2009.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,722 pounds for November, 41 pounds above November 2009.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.37 million head, 57,000 head more than November 2009, but unchanged from October 2010.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, November 2009-2010

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Percent change from 2009
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
AZ	168	182	1,840	1,845	309	336	8.7
CA	1,765	1,750	1,775	1,870	3,133	3,273	4.5
CO	116	122	1,860	1,905	216	232	7.4
FL	113	113	1,360	1,370	154	155	0.6
ID	548	572	1,790	1,840	981	1,052	7.2
IL	101	98	1,510	1,550	153	152	-0.7
IN	169	169	1,610	1,640	272	277	1.8
IA	215	204	1,670	1,700	359	347	-3.3
KS	113	121	1,725	1,730	195	209	7.2
MI	354	360	1,805	1,830	639	659	3.1
MN	469	470	1,545	1,520	725	714	-1.5
MO	105	96	1,170	1,180	123	113	-8.1
NM	317	319	1,970	1,995	624	636	1.9
NY	611	611	1,605	1,680	981	1,026	4.6
OH	274	270	1,510	1,560	414	421	1.7
OR	114	121	1,560	1,595	178	193	8.4
PA	538	541	1,560	1,600	839	866	3.2
TX	413	415	1,710	1,750	706	726	2.8
UT	83	85	1,740	1,720	144	146	1.4
VT	134	138	1,460	1,470	196	203	3.6
VA	95	95	1,455	1,440	138	137	-0.7
WA	241	254	1,865	1,875	449	476	6.0
WI	1,258	1,265	1,630	1,630	2,051	2,062	0.5
23-State Total	8,314	8,371	1,681	1,722	13,979	14,411	3.1

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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December Farm Prices Received Index Up 1 Point

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 160 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 1 point (0.6 percent) from November. The Crop Index is up 2 points (1.1 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.7 percent). Producers received higher prices for corn, soybeans, wheat, and cattle and lower prices for lettuce, milk, oranges, and onions. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell.

Increased monthly marketings of wheat, milk, oranges, and broilers offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, cattle, and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 25 points (19 percent) from December 2009. The Food Commodities Index, at 155, is unchanged from last month but increased 19 points (14 percent) from December 2009.

Prices Paid Index Up 3 Points

The December Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 191 percent of the 1990-1992 average.

The index is up 3 points (1.6 percent) from November and 13 points (7.3 percent) above December 2009. Prices are higher for complete feeds, feeder cattle, feed grains, and nitrogen.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, December 2009 and 2010 and November 2010

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		December 2009 Entire Month	November 2010 Entire Month	December 2010 Mid-Month	December 2009 Entire Month	November 2010 Entire Month	December 2010 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	1/	1/	1/	0.634	0.812	0.853
Cottonseed 2/	\$ Ton	198.00	212.00	204.00	160.00	163.00	163.00
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Bu	1/	6.24	1/	4.91	6.04	6.83
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	105.00	125.00	130.00	109.00	117.00	121.00
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	38.40	41.50	1/	38.90	43.70	36.60
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	46.00	57.00	59.00	43.50	51.70	54.20
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	82.00	98.00	102.00	83.80	101.00	104.00
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	61.80	77.50	80.50	78.50	94.00	97.60
Calves	\$ Cwt	101.00	119.00	127.00	105.00	124.00	128.00
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	15.70	17.80	16.80	16.50	17.90	16.80

1/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations or insufficient sales.

2/ Marketing year August – February.

3/ Not available for Arizona.

4/ Mid-month.

5/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights: Lemons December 2009 - 76 lbs, 2010 – 80 lbs.

6/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

7/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

8/ Preliminary; before for hauling. Includes quality and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2009		2010	
	November	December	November	December
Prices Received	136	135	159	160
Prices Paid	178	178	188	191
Ratio 1/	76	76	85	84

1/ Ratio of index prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.